

### Mrs. Mitchell's Help

To the Editor:

During the Presidency of Franklin Roosevelt, his wife often did him and the American public the service of showing in words and action the Administration's concern for problem areas in the society, and its thoughts about them.

In her recent television appearance, Attorney General Mitchell's wife did the same service for us all. She was at pains to identify and relay her husband's views on social unrest—views that add up to the theory that America has to deal mainly with a Red Menace that

emanates from "the liberal Communists" among us.

There may have been lingering, wistful hopes that Mr. Mitchell was a philosophically reasonably developed man with an adequate comprehension of contemporary social problems and forces. If so, Mrs. Mitchell must certainly have dispelled them once and for all. She presented a convincing picture, supported by homely quotations, of her husband as standing in at least hand-shaking proximity to his unforgettable predecessor, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, who flunked the test of history.

Her candor will help us all to understand better an Administration in which Mr. Mitchell serves as a Cabinet officer and a principal adviser.

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